



## Western Gateway Heritage State Park Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

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**Visitors' Center  
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### **Story Time Thursdays, 10am – 11am**

For preschoolers ages 7 and under. Featuring a variety of funny and exciting stories as well as some tales about nature. Includes a simple craft or activity.

### **Walks To Be Offered Weekly!**

Beginning Wednesday, August 2, 2006, Western Gateway Heritage State Park will be offering guided river walks along the Hoosic River, and guided Heritage Park walks led by Andy Etman, Park Interpreter. The walks will be on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 9:30am, on an alternating schedule. The estimated time for the walk is one hour and those attending should meet at the Park Visitors' Center. The walks are offered for families, adults, and children. This program is FREE and sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The schedule for the month of August is:

August 5 - Park Walk  
August 9 - Park Walk  
August 12 - River Walk  
August 16 - River Walk

August 19 - Park Walk  
August 23 - Park Walk  
August 26 - River Walk

### **Meet Smokey Bear! Thursday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for Story Time Hour and a special visit from Smokey Bear . For Ages 7 and under

### **DCR's "Forests & Parks on Wheels" Program August 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's "Forests & Parks on Wheels" program is scheduled to make a stop at the Western Gateway Heritage State Parks' Visitors' Center on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. This 26' mobile park is an environmentally friendly CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicle staffed by two professional interpreter/educators who provide many different programs. The program for August 20<sup>th</sup> will be "Eco-Jeopardy!" It includes a demonstration and brief lesson followed by a quiz game on the categories of Water Use, Aquatic Species, Pollution, and Becoming Stewards of the Waterways. "Eco-Jeopardy!" is designed for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

The "Forests and Parks on Wheels" program is a project of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The program strives to encourage stewardship of our vital natural and historical resources.

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